

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Supply Teacher Elected—The Flag Issue Again.

The School Board held a meeting last Friday afternoon to elect a teacher to supply the place of Miss Klose Wilson who was released from duty until January. Miss Agnes McCallum was the unanimous choice of the board, and she will have charge of the second grade from the opening of the school on Monday until the beginning of the second session after the Christmas holidays.

The flag question was again brought before the board by representatives of the Jr. Order of United American Mechanics. The board was requested by this order to grant permission to the lodge to erect a flag staff on the Graded School grounds and to have the United States flag raised every morning. The representative of the lodge presented his request and made an argument in support of it. The board considered the matter fully, and decided that the request would not be granted.

Young Men's Christian Association.

At a regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of this city on Thursday night the following officers were elected to serve until their successors shall be elected:

- President—A. B. Stuckey.
- 1st Vice President—Wm. Yeardon.
- 2d Vice President—William Graham.
- 3d Vice President—B. Randle.
- Treasurer—John Haynesworth.
- Rec. and Cor. Sec.—B. J. Rhame.

Serious Accident to an Old Colored Democrat.

George Graham, the well known "Hampton Democrat," of Providence met with a serious accident on last Tuesday, from which he has been lying speechless ever since. He was assisting in taking down a building when a large timber fell and struck him on the back of the neck.

Cotton Weighing Troubles.

Complaints are being made by the seller of cotton, on account of the delay in getting cotton weighed. People are obliged to wait for their turn, which sometimes takes a good while. Others complain of the late opening and early closing hours—which in some cases, necessitate the leaving of cotton on the platform from six in the evening until eight next morning. Those, also, who bring cotton from the Cotton Oil Gin, and by the roads leading into the city on that side think it a hardship that they are obliged to make the trip up into the city, sell the cotton, and then go back before it will be weighed, instead of getting it weighed, leaving the cotton, and taking a sample by which it will be sold. Merchants also, who buy cotton sampled from the wagon, without being able to thoroughly examine it, think that there should be an arrangement by which one of the weighers could act as judge or cotton expert in assessing damage or deduction for mix-packed and wet cotton. All these difficulties will have to be considered and adjusted before the cotton weighing system will give general satisfaction.

Mechanicsville Items.

Mr. Tom J. DuBose, who has been quite ill for several weeks at his father's home, is reported to be convalescing.
Mrs. T. D. DuBose has been confined to her room several days with fever.
Rev. G. M. Richards has returned from his summer vacation.

The opera, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," is full of catchy airs and will be enjoyed by all who attend the performance.

The prediction is now not infrequently heard that the cotton crop in Sumner County will fall short of that of last year. Not a few of the farmers are beginning to feel blue over the outlook.

St. Joseph's Academy opened on the 14th for the fall session with a large attendance and the prospects are that this will be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the institution.

The total enrollment of pupils in the Washington Street Graded School Monday was 385. This number is large for the first day, and the attendance will exceed 300 before the end of the week.

The ice season is holding out well and the three ice factories have a large demand still. As long as the torrid season lasts, ice is a necessity and the ice manufacturers are kept busy. The factories here have had a prosperous season, considering the sharp competition that has existed between them.

A mad dog was killed one day last week in the lot in the rear of Reid's store. The beast was undoubtedly rabid for it was making frantic efforts to bite everything in reach. The condition of the dog was observed by several persons and it was promptly killed.

There is no doubt about the Atlantic Coast Line issuing orders to agents to receive no more original packages for shipment over that line. An employee of that system who is in a position to know the facts stated to the writer that the order had been issued from headquarters and the report in circulation is supported by facts. The original package men in the A. C. L. territory are in the soup.

The Y. M. C. A. has turned over to the Graded School library all of the books formerly in the Association reading room. These books, or the large part of them, at least, at one time belonged to the Sumner Light Infantry and were given in trust to the Y. M. C. A. In the Graded School library the books will be of real service and no better disposition could have been made of them.

The quantity of tobacco brought to this market for sale is increasing and on several days there have been large sales at the warehouse. The prices paid for tobacco were satisfactory to the sellers who have tried the other markets.

It is probable that a number of Northern people will spend the winter in the city. Inquiries have been received by the hotels and others from different parts of the North, and it is possible that a winter colony may be established here. If the tide of travel is once turned in this direction the number of tourists will grow larger each year. Aiken and Camden have more winter visitors every year than the hotels can comfortably accommodate.

Many of the sand traps, which have been placed in the drains in various parts of the city within the last few years, hold water all the time and are prolific mosquito breeders. Some years ago mosquitoes were rare in this city, but at present it is impossible to sleep with any comfort without a mosquito net, and there is ample reason for belief that these sand traps are responsible for the pest. Sand traps, as sand traps go, may be very good things, but when they hold stagnant water all the time and breed mosquitoes by the million they are not quite so good.

Practise Economy in buying medicines as in other matters. It is economy to get Hood's Sarsaparilla because it contains more medicinal value than any other—100 doses one dollar.
Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills.

CLEMSON OPENS

With the Usual Number of Students.

Clemson College, Sept. 8.—To-day is the opening day at Clemson, and fully three hundred boys are present to answer to their names at the roll-call. The outlook is far more encouraging than anticipated, as it was feared that the recent epidemic of fever would reduce the attendance greatly. Notwithstanding this, however, the recruits make up for those cadets who failed to return, and only the first day has passed. Many cadets and recruits are expected during the next few days, and it is estimated that the membership will reach near four hundred by the fifteenth. Regarding the recent improvements they are all that can be expected.

The entire barracks have been thoroughly cleaned, repainted and furnished. Recent orders published require very strict attention by the students to the sanitary arrangements. The prospects are pointing to a larger attendance than last year and very successful session.

Advertising in the *Daily Item* yields prompt returns and the firms that have been constant patrons of this paper are well satisfied with the results. The *Daily Item* is read every day by nine tenths of the people in this city and if a merchant has anything to sell and his prices are right an advertisement properly placed is sure to increase his trade. If you are not a patron of the paper now, become one and reap the benefit.

If the Atlantic Coast Line enforces the order that no more shipments of original packages are to be transported over that system, the original package dealers in this section of the State will find themselves in a very awkward predicament. They will soon dispose of their stocks and will then, being unable to procure a new supply, have to go out of business.

The regular complaint that Sumter cotton buyers do not pay as high prices as those of other places is being made. It is learned on good authority that the representatives of a firm that buys a great deal of the cotton brought to this market, offered more for cotton at Pinewood and St. Charles on Saturday than in the city. This sort of thing will not do the place any good, and the business men should take some action to keep the Sumter market up to the standard.—*Daily Item*.

The receipts of cotton continue so large and the increase from day to day indicate that the crop in the field is opening very rapidly and is being marketed as rapidly as gathered. The crop will be gathered early, and the bulk of it will be sold at least a month earlier than usual. The result of the rapid marketing will be a decline in the price for the heavy receipts will apparently sustain the estimates that place the crop at more than ten million bales. It is predicted now that the decline will be so great that the average price of cotton throughout the South will be close to the five cent mark. The prospect is not at all encouraging or satisfactory to the farmers who have worked all through the year in hope of securing six and a-half to seven cents for their cotton. The crop in this section of South Carolina will not be large, and when it is gathered the disappointment will be even greater than many now anticipate.

PISGAH NEWS.

The dry weather is playing havoc with peas and potatoes. There is not any top cotton worth speaking of; the last wet spell ruined that. The experience of the last few years has knocked the holding of cotton for better prices into pi, and cotton is being sold as fast as gathered. Excursions are being run often, and as a consequence the surplus earnings of the cotton pickers go into somebody's pockets, and when the picking is over they will be like they started—with nothing.

Mr. S. M. McLeod will teach the Pisgah public school this fall. Murray is very much liked by all who know him and he will do his duty as he understands it.

Mrs. J. W. Kenney, formerly of this place, is critically ill at her home at New Zion.

Mr. T. M. Bradley is running another gin this fall, and will gin the crop of this section. He is a pleasant man to do business with.

Mr. L. Spann Vinson is doing business at Pisgah Church. Mr. Vinson has made many friends since he has lived here.

Our country merchants here have laid in fine stocks of goods. Trade is not as active as last year at this time, but that is owing to the cotton not opening very fast as yet.

The health of our community is very good, tho' a few cases of fever is about.

Times are dull here and not much life in the people. The short crops and low prices for cotton is enough to give them the blues, even in this bright weather.

Last Tuesday evening a brilliant meteor fell in the southeast. It was a magnificent sight, and one of the largest I ever saw.

The sugar cane industry has gone out of fashion. So is the planting of wheat.

Pisgah, S. C., Sept. 10. X X X

MAGNOLIA MATTERS.

MAGNOLIA, Sep. 13.—Dry weather continues, to the great joy of the cotton pickers, but the feast will soon be over and the harvest completed and then— The cotton prospect remains unchanged. Potatoes, peas, rice, &c., are suffering for want of rain.

A railroad detective came here last week to try to get some clue to the robbery of a box car while the local freight train was doing some shifting at this depot some three weeks ago. The search resulted in the finding of portions of some packages, readily identified, and putting a nigger, named Riley Wilson, to the necessity of finding "leg bail," which was no difficult task. There is no doubt, but that there is an organized band of thieves just for this purpose, and that the captain is in this place. The property lost by the railroad company in this stealing is estimated at \$54.

Mr. James Henry Hawkins has returned to Charleston to resume his business.

Miss Edith McIntosh is quite ill.

Mrs. J. A. Rhame is up again after a short attack of fever.

An ice cream festival will be given at Lynchburg to-morrow night by the generous people around for the benefit of the Epworth League. The young folks look forward to the occasion with much pleasure. Come over, Mr. Editor, and help us out a little.

An old colored woman, nursing for Mr. F. S. Potts, was found dead in his kitchen on the morning of the 8th inst. The cause of death, as decided by the jury of inquest after hearing the evidence of the doctor and one more witness, was from "natural causes." She had been having chills and fever, and was quite old.

And now in conclusion, Mr. Editor, may the mantle fall on Monroe Johnson to-morrow, and may Norton need the sympathy of Evans and Irby. OCCASIONAL.

Take JOHNSON'S CHILL & FEVER TONIC.

Quivering With Uncertainty in Hazelton.

Funeral of Poles Takes Place Without Disorder.

Hazelton, Pa., Sept. 13.—Hazelton quivers to-night on the edge of a volcano. Uncertainty is the keynote of the situation, and the town is sleeplessly awaiting the dawn of day fraught with unknown and fearful possibilities.

At this writing troops are marching on the mines of Coxe Bros. at Eckley, which nestles in a valley about 18 miles from here. Telegrams to brigade headquarters late this afternoon indicate an alarming condition there. The remoteness of the situation will make difficult the securing of definite news from the scene before morning. The first knowledge of disturbance at the Coxe collieries reached brigade headquarters this morning, when Gen Gobin received a dispatch that 200 miners at Buck Mountain, three miles from Eckley, had gone on a strike and began to march on the Eckley mine. Request was made for a detachment of the military to avert possible conflict, but before the soldiers could be started off to the scene the authorities were reassured by the receipt of a second telegram to the effect that the march had been stopped and no further trouble was feared.

Late in the afternoon a third dispatch changed the situation for the worse. It said that the march had been resumed and carried to the Eckley mines, and that the men there had been forced to quit work, after rough handling by the marching men. The City Troop, the crack cavalrymen, were instantly ordered to proceed to Eckley. To reach the spot they will have to ride over 18 miles of rough mountain roads. The news has created consternation throughout the district and all the collieries are preparing for trouble.

Gen. Gobin has been deluged with requests for troops, but declares that he will send none to any point unless an outbreak really occurs. This is a measure of precaution to keep the soldiers mobilized.

To-day has been regarded as the turning point of the situation because of the prohibition issued by Gen. Gobin against the proposed funeral demonstration. A compromise was effected this morning, however, and the day passed off without disturbance. In the meantime the Coxe collieries were being watched with intense anxiety. It was known that the 2,000 men employed at No. 7 had made a demand for a 10 per cent. increase, which was to be submitted to the operators to-day, with the alternative of a strike. From 5,000 to 7,000 men are employed at all the collieries, and it was understood that such a movement would bring them all out.

Whether or not the proposition was formally submitted to-day could not be learned, because nobody would talk. The men were all at work but strike talk was rife and a big meeting at Stockton had been scheduled for to-night. There was a general impression that nothing decisive would be resolved upon at least by to-morrow, which is pay day, with two weeks' money coming to the men. The Coxe men's grievance is that they are on a lower scale than that paid by any other company in the region, but the company store feature does not enter into their case.

The first discord between the military and the strikers occurred to-day following General Gobin's order against the proposed funeral demonstration, he arranged for a conference this morning with the Polish priests, who are looking after the cause of the men. He impressed them with the necessity for preventing any show of a military character and said he would permit no uniformed men to participate except those representing religious societies. Bands of music, side arms, sticks and banners were also prohibited. The priests promised that all this should be done and the commander, on the other hand, agreed to keep all troops away from the funerals. Somebody stole a march on the general, however, and although he later revoked the clause excluding music, there were men in line wearing the uniform of the Italian army and others carrying drawn sabres. Six of the latter stood in front of the church during the ceremonies within. Learning of this the commander promptly dispatched a staff officer and a detail of men to the cemetery, but when they reached there the services were over and the mourners dispersed.

The general stated that he would demand an explanation from the clergymen. As a matter of fact there was little change in the programme arranged by the miners for to day's funerals. There were 12 in all, but two proceeded from Harwood direct to the cemetery, without regard to the other 10, who united in an extensive cortege. Eight of the bodies lay in the shop of Undertaker Bonin in Hazelton, where they were viewed by a great crowd for a couple of hours before the procession started. Meantime, the other two lines were toiling over the rugged mountain roads leading from Harwood. The bands which led the line beat a mourn-

ful tattoo, and following the rugged double file of miners. When the start from the shop to the cemetery was made, the coffins containing the bodies of the eight Poles were carried, each by 10 miners, in the regalia of the St. Joseph's society, and the line proceeded to the church. A crowd of fully 5,000 jammed the streets in the immediate neighborhood, but there was no disorder of any kind. The platform, originally intended for the street in front of the building, had been erected before the altar and here the 10 coffins were laid while Father Aust and a number of Polish priests celebrated pontifical high mass.

In the meantime, a gang of miners in the cemetery were blasting rock to make space for a large circular grave, in which all the bodies were interred. There were brief services at the grave and several of the clergy men made addresses, urging the miners to maintain order and to remain quietly at their homes.

General Gobin kept his word, if the priests did not. During all of the march and the ceremonies there was not a sign of a soldier. Brigade headquarters presented a martial appearance, however, and in the stock yards near the road were stationed a battery and a detachment of cavalry ready to move on call.

The gravity of the situation is made apparent from the thorough and rigorous manner in which the commander is handling his men. The signal corps of the regiments have been stationed on hill tops about Hazelton and the surrounding hamlets where trouble is feared. Several are marked by tents, with men on the lookout. The signalling was done by flags and worked successfully. The stations cover a distance of four miles and at the nearest point to Hazelton couriers are stationed to carry the reports to the general. About a dozen couriers on bicycles have also done good work. They were selected from among the men accustomed to riding, and the wheels were obtained here.

WAS SIGNED "ANDREE."

Message Brought by Carrier Pigeon to India

Logansport, Ind., Sept. 13.—A carrier pigeon with a message signed "Andree" has been captured in this vicinity. The writing is in English, but it is thought that the explorer sent out the messages in all languages. The bird was first seen to fly over a small town called Idaville, near here, and was next seen when it alighted on Farmer Wekwan's house in an exhausted condition. Its capture was easy, but in getting the bird down it was injured and died this morning. Its right foot had a small aluminum band around it, on which was inscribed "No. 21" and the letter "A." Under the left wing was a parchment containing some badly disfigured writing, out of which only the following could be read: "August 29, 1900," and the next was erased. Then came the signature "Andree." The action of the wing had worn the parchment and erased the writing. The whole had been tied on the body of the bird and while not loose had evidently been in all kinds of weather. At first it was thought that a practical joke had been played but the exhausted condition of the bird disproved that.

THE WAR IN INDIA.

The British are not Having An Easy Time.

Simla, Sept. 12.—News has been received from the front that Fort Shabakdr is now closely surrounded and that any attempt to reconnoitre beyond a five mile radius is opposed by a determined rebel fire. The rebels are still gathering at Hangu. Yesterday while the column of Colonel Biggs was moving along Samana Ridge to prevent an attack on Shubukhel fort, the command found that position secure; but his rear guard was attacked by the rebels at nightfall and a fierce conflict ensued. The enemy was repulsed with a heavy loss. The official despatch adds:

"Our losses are six natives killed and several wounded. Firing can be heard in the direction of the Mohmand country."

Bloody Work at Camp Meeting in Oconee.

Special to The State.
Walhalla, Sept. 13.—Early yesterday morning Sheriff Moss was summoned by telegram to quell a riot, the scene of which was a negro camp meeting four miles below Seneca. The sheriff hastened to the scene and began to make arrests and before night had landed six negroes in jail.

Whiskey, pistols, razors and negroes got too thick to thrive and as a result one negro is dead, shot through the brain, and four others are dangerously wounded. All the rioters are from Anderson county and some of the leaders escaped and went back toward their homes, but were followed by Deputy B. R. Moss, Constables Kay, Hopkins and Hunnicutt, who will probably bag their game. Each negro arrested had from one to four pistols on his person.

As a carrier of messages from ships the homing pigeon has proved a success. Now if they can train them to carry messages to the ships a pretty useful and comparatively cheap mail service may be established.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, Sept. 13, 1897.—Boss Hanna has all the proverbial thrift of the very rich man. He knows the art of making others pay for what he wants for himself, and he is utilizing it in the Ohio campaign. Although there are no national issues in the Ohio campaign, the Republican National Committee is taking an active part in it and is putting up money liberally to help Hanna get that coveted election to the Senate. To all intents and purposes, Boss Hanna and his man Dick, who are the managers of the Republican campaign in Ohio, control the Republican National Committee and the surplus it had left in its treasury from the big contribution to the McKinley fund, and fears are expressed on the part of republicans from other states, who had hoped to finger some of that surplus in the Congressional campaign next year, that it will all be spent in Ohio this year, and some of them do not hesitate to say that Hanna ought to use his own money in his efforts to buy his return to the Senate. Boss Hanna is also making the Government of the U. S. assist him to the extent of many thousands of dollars, by carrying through the mails free, under Congressional frank, a bulky volume, printed at the Government Printing Office in the form of the Congressional Record and containing speeches and compilations from public documents. This volume as it first appeared, contained extracts from newspapers and was therefore not frankable. The revised edition, now being sent out, has left out the newspaper extracts.

A new Republican candidate for Senator Gorman's seat has added to republican confusion in Maryland, and to the growing belief in the certainty that the legislature will be carried by the democrats. Postmaster General Gary is the new candidate, although the announcement of his candidacy was prematurely made. He has got the Senatorial vote very bad, and had hoped by the aid of Postmasters and other followers to have had a thoroughly organized machine in every county of the State before allowing it to become public that he was a candidate, but somebody leaked. He refuses now to confirm, deny or in any way discuss the matter. He probably wants to find out "where he is at" before committing himself.

Although Attorney General McKenna was indignantly emphatic in declaring that he did not intend to consult with Mr. McKinley about the opinion he is to give as to the proper construction to be placed upon the clause of the tariff imposing discriminating duties, he did that very thing. And he did not even have the satisfaction of waiting until Mr. McKinley came back to Washington to consult with him, but was ordered up to Somerset, Pa., where Mr. McKinley was to talk the matter over. The opinion is still held back, and it will be discussed at the cabinet meeting which Mr. McKinley has called. It is probable also that the cabinet

will discuss the verbal report made by Consul General Fitz Lee, who is in Washington, on Cuban affairs. It is understood that after this cabinet meeting, Mr. McKinley will go away again to remain a couple of weeks.

In the opinion of the silver men, now in Washington, the action of the silver men, now in Washington, the action of the Bank of England in deciding to hold one fifth of its reserve in silver, will not prove any direct benefit to silver, but they believe it will help silver indirectly by increasing public interest in Europe in the principle of bimetalism. They think that the action on the part of the Bank of England was taken more to conciliate the growing silver sentiment in Great Britain than as a result of the bimetallic commission to England and its conferences with representatives of the government of Great Britain. Some of the silver men regard the whole business as nothing more than a trick on the part of the gold standard financiers of England to make the silver men there and over here believe that they are gradually coming around to bimetalism of their own accord, in preference to waiting until they are compelled to do so. These gentlemen are firmly of the opinion that England will never willingly adopt bimetalism, and that the only way to get her to do so is to force it, and the way to force it is for the United States to adopt bimetalism independently or in conjunction with as many European Governments as may desire to join the move.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 12.—A special to The Times from Van Buren, says: A most disastrous freight wreck occurred on the Iron Mountain road at Hanson, Indian Territory, a small station 20 miles west of Van Buren, at 2 o'clock to-day resulting in the death of seven men and the serious injury of six others, two of whom will die.

Good Roads is not an issue in State politics but it should be. There is nothing of more importance to the farmer. Let some politician run on a Good Roads platform and get the question broadly before the people.

A young Chinaman in Baltimore who was arrested for trying to strike his father was lucky that the affair happened in Baltimore, where he got off with a \$10 fine and thirty days in jail.

If it had happened in China land he would have gone to prison for life.

Yokohama, Sept. 12.—A fierce hurricane swept over the city and harbor on Thursday night, causing severe floods, doing much damage to property and followed by considerable loss of life. When the typhoon was at its height, the German warship Irene, the British ship Gleniericht, Captain Davies, which reached Yokohama on July 21, from Port Gamble, and the British ship Lonsdale, Captain Fraser, which reached Yokohama on August 22 from Antwerp, were driven ashore. All three have since been floated off with no serious damage to the Irene.

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Sumter, S. C., September 8, 1897.